

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

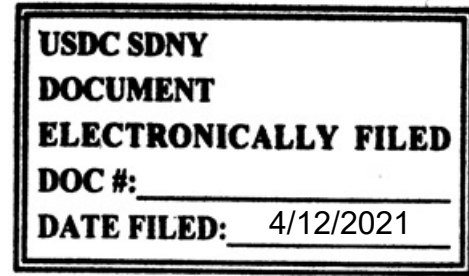
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MAHABIR MAHABIR a/k/a  
RANDOLPH MAHABIR,

Plaintiff,

- against -

QUEENS DOLLAR, INC. d/b/a  
99 CENTS RUSH, et al.,

Defendants.  
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19-CV-9395 (RWL)

**ORDER  
APPROVING SETTLEMENT  
AND DISMISSING CASE**

**ROBERT W. LEHRBURGER, United States Magistrate Judge.**

This case is an action for damages under the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 201 *et seq.* (“FLSA”) and the New York Labor Law. Before the Court is the parties’ joint letter request that the Court approve their Settlement Agreement and Release of Claims (the “Settlement Agreement”), a fully executed copy of which was submitted on April 12, 2021. A federal court is obligated to determine whether settlement of an FLSA case under the court’s consideration is fair and reasonable and the subject of an arm’s length negotiation, not an employer’s overreaching. *See Cheeks v. Freeport Pancake House*, 796 F.3d 199 (2d Cir. 2015).

The Court assisted in mediating the settlement of this action and has carefully reviewed the Settlement Agreement as well as the parties’ letter. The Court has taken into account, without limitation, prior proceedings in this action; the attendant risks, burdens, and costs associated with continuing the action; the range of possible recovery; whether the Settlement Agreement is the product of arm’s length bargaining between experienced counsel or parties; the amount of attorneys’ fees; and the possibility of fraud

or collusion. Among other attributes of the Settlement Agreement, there are no confidentiality restrictions; the non-disparagement provision is mutual and contains an appropriate exception for truthful statements; the release is narrowly tailored to wage and hour claims; and the attorneys' fees are within a fair, reasonable, and acceptable range. Considering all the circumstances, the Court finds that the Settlement Agreement is fair and reasonable and hereby approved.

This case, having resolved by settlement, is hereby dismissed and discontinued in its entirety, with prejudice, without costs or fees to any party, except as provided for in the parties' settlement agreement. The Clerk of Court is respectfully requested to terminate all motions and deadlines, and close this case.

SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Lehrburger', written over a horizontal line.

ROBERT W. LEHRBURGER  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Dated: April 12, 2021  
New York, New York

Copies transmitted this date to all counsel of record.